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ABSTRACT

This document contains the long range plan of the Alabama public libraries. The purpose of presenting this program is to meet the requirements of the Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) and to assess, prioritize, and communicate library needs to librarians, officials, and the public to provide adequate library service to the citizens of Alabama. The introduction to the report gives an overview of the duties and services of the State Library Agency. The needs assessment component is then presented. It covers the following areas: public libraries; the library public, including persons with disabilities, the disadvantaged, minority, institutionalized, elderly, and limited-English speaking populations; and interlibrary cooperation and resource sharing. The mission statement and library roles are also presented. Finally, the following goals are presented, each with correlating objectives and tasks: (1) to provide information resources; (2) to provide for new construction or renovation; and (3) to support resource sharing. Appended materials include maps showing the public library systems and independent libraries in Alabama, statistics on state and county populations by selected characteristics, and a glossary of acronyms used in the report. (JLB)

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PREFACE

A guidebook to take Alabama libraries to 1998, the Long Range Plan 1994-1998 is an evolutionary document that will begin to grow and change the instant of publication. Through development of the plan, the APLS staff is listening to its Alabama constituency in order to mold a vision of library service through responsive achievement-oriented goals and objectives.

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APLS reserves the right to waive any sections of this plan except those sections required by federal and state law and regulations.

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INTRODUCTION

The Alabama Public Library Service (APLS), the State Library Agency, is empowered by statute (Code of Alabama, 1975, Section 41-8-1 et seq.) to carry out the following charges:

to aid and advise all legally established public libraries
to assist communities to establish public libraries
to assist in the improvement and/or expansion of established public libraries
to assist local governments to establish joint units of library service.

In order to carry out these duties, the agency is empowered to receive and administer funds, books, or other property and may use necessary means and methods including traveling libraries, book loans to libraries, other community organizations, or to other public agencies and institutions. The state agency shall obtain annual reports from all public libraries in the state showing their conditions, growth, and development.

Since 1975, physical quarters for the agency have grown from 5,000 square feet in the basement of the State Administrative Building to its modern 72,500 square foot building in suburban Montgomery. The agency has a staff of 53 including 20 professional librarians.

The Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (BPH) is a barrier-free library designed for the use of the blind and physically handicapped and has been a division of the state agency since 1977.

Since 1973, the state legislature has appropriated funds for direct per capita financial aid to libraries. There are now 261 public libraries (190 main libraries plus 71 branches) and 20 single and multicounty library systems, which participate in the state aid program administered by APLS.

In addition, the agency is responsible for receiving and administering federal funds for libraries provided by the Library Services and Construction Act. In accordance with the intent of the state law and the provisions of LSCA, state and federal funds are used to encourage maximum benefit in library service for all the citizens of Alabama.

Agency services are: reference, interlibrary loan, circulation of 16mm films and videocassettes, and database searching. To provide these services the agency collection has experienced a major expansion in holdings:

Holdings	1977	1993
books	40,635	181,488 volumes
periodicals	276	959 current subs.
films	473	5,057 copies
videocassettes	0	1,090 copies

In 1984, APLS was designated a selective depository library for federal documents. The depository materials are making significant contributions to the ability of the APLS staff to meet the demand for quality reference and interlibrary loan services.

Automation at APLS began in 1976 when the agency joined the Southeastern Library Network (SOLINET) and began the development of the Alabama Interlibrary Catalog (ALICAT). First published in 1978, the statewide union catalog began with the holdings of nine libraries. There are now 108 public, junior college, university and special libraries contributing bibliographic records to ALICAT with publication in the CD-ROM format. The agency shares an automated circulation system with the Montgomery City-County Public Library, the Public Library of Anniston-Calhoun County, the Autauga-Prattville Public Library, the Auburn Public Library, the Macon County-Tuskegee Public Library, Selma-Dallas County Public Library, and the Houston-Love Memorial Library, Dothan. A unique automation system developed for the Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped in the late '70s demonstrates the agency's concern for special services.

The Alabama Union List of Serials (AULS) is now a program of the Alabama Public Library Service and consists of periodical holdings of 129 contributors. Listings of over 28,000 unique periodical titles are accessible on Online Computer Library Center (OCLC) and through offline paper and microfiche products.

To help document the needs of community residents and to assist in planning for improved services at both the local and system levels, the Alabama Public Library Service and the Alabama Library Association jointly published in 1988 Standards for Public Library Service in Alabama. An important element in our long range program is to assist libraries and systems in their efforts to achieve the new standards.

PURPOSE

The purpose in presenting this Long Range Program 1994-1998 is twofold. In addition to meeting the requirements of the Library Services and Construction Act, the Alabama Public Library Service is continuing its effort to assess, prioritize, and communicate library needs to librarians, officials, and the public in order to provide adequate library service to the citizens of Alabama.

The program has been reviewed and revised in accordance with the needs of Alabama for assistance under the Act. It has been developed with the assistance of the Advisory Council and in consultation with the U.S. Department of Education. It has also been reviewed and adopted by the Executive Board of the Alabama Public Library Service.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Alabama Public Libraries

Alabama's approximately 4,040,587 residents (1990 Census) are currently in 1993 being served by 190 public libraries and public library systems plus, 71 branch libraries. The systems are 14 county public library systems, and 6 multicounty public library systems.

51 public libraries are members of multicounty public library systems, 80 are members of single county public library systems, and 59 are independent municipal libraries. (Appendices A-1 and A-2)

The average local support for the operation of public libraries has increased from $3.64 per capita in 1979 to $8.21 per capita in 1992. This figure is still well below the $9 to $12 per capita indicator of adequacy established over ten years ago in the National Inventory of Library Needs.

Book volumes in public libraries have increased to 5,199,183 in 1992. With the current status of 1.3 book volumes per capita, Alabama has not yet reached the minimum books per capita (Standard #28) recommended by the Standards for Public Library Service in Alabama, 1988. Noting collection data from a FY1990 standard assessment project, APLS determined that of the 196 libraries and system headquarters libraries reporting their volume holdings:

140 libraries (71%) did not meet Standard #28
2 libraries (1%) did meet Standard #28 at the A Level
6 libraries (3%) did meet Standard #28 at the AA Level
48 libraries (24%) did meet Standard #28 at the AAA Level

The Alabama Library Public

In the decade between the 1980 and the 1990 censuses, the population of Alabama increased 3.8%, and the state retained its rank of 22nd in total population among the 50 states. The population is approximately 60% urban and 40% rural.

With a 1992 civilian labor force of 1,937,000, the 1992 unemployment rate was 7.3%. According to the 1990 census of the civilian labor force, 52.0% are white collar workers, 33.7% are blue collar workers, 11.9% are service workers, and 2.3% are farm workers. Women comprise 52.1% of the population and 45.9% of the work force. Minorities comprise 26.2% of the population and 22.9% of the work force.

During the 1980's there were significant improvements in the educational levels of Alabamians. Of the population over 25 years of age only 56.5% had completed four years of high school in 1980. By comparison the 1990 census found that 66.9% of those over 25 years of age were high school graduates. The percentage of those completing four years or more of college increased from 12.2% to 15.7%.

Currently 46% of the population is in the 15-44 age group. The most frequent public library users traditionally fall within this age group. 21.7% of the population is in the under 15 age group; 19.4% is in the 45-64 age group;and 12.9% is in the 65 and over age group. (Appendix A-3)

CHANGES IN SELECTED POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS 1980-1990

Total Population:	1980	1990	% Change
	3,893,888	4,040,587	+3.8%

Rank Among the 50 States:	1980	1990	% Change
	22	22	0.0%

Population by Sex:	1980	1990	% Change
Female:	2,023,161 (51.9%)	2,104,651 (52.1%)	+4.0%
Male:	1,870,727 (48.1%)	1,935,936 (47.9%)	+3.5%

Population by Area of Residence:	1980	1990	% Change
Rural:	1,556,855 (40.0%)	1,602,872 (39.7%)	+3.0%
Urban:	2,337,033 (60.0%	2,437,715 (60.3%)	+4.3%

Population by Race:	1980	1990	% Change
Nonwhite:	1,020,599 (26.2%)	1,065,340 (26.4%)	+4.4%
White:	2,873,289 (73.8%)	2,975,247 (73.6%)	+3.6%

Population by Age:	1980	1990	% Change
Under 15:	938,013 (24.1%)	876,097 (21.7%)	-6.3%
15-44:	1,767,813 (45.4%)	1,856,286 (46.0%)	+5.0%
45-64:	748,474 (19.2%)	785,598 (19.4%)	+5.0%
65+:	439,588 (11.3%)	522,606 (12.9%)	+18.9%

Persons with Disabilities

Alabama has 522,606 persons who are sixty-five years or older, of whom approximately 1.4% need specialized library services. Of these 7,321 citizens 46% are being served through the agency's Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped plus its five subregional libraries. Recreational reading and basic reference services are available to those qualifying persons who are either visually impaired, physically disabled, or dyslexic, and therefore unable to use standard print material. Currently, this network serves 5,632 patrons with books in cassette, disc and braille formats. Of this readership, almost 4% are literate in braille.

Public libraries, throughout the state, are encouraged to provide adaptive programming to include all citizens without regard to disability.

Disadvantaged

Census statistics indicate that there are 154,131 families in Alabama with incomes below the poverty level. The total number of individuals with income below the poverty level is 719,059, or 18.9% of the population. Of the economically disadvantaged, 52% are African-American, 42% white, and the remainder are other minorities. Over half (52%) live in urban areas, but there are high rural concentrations in 11 counties where over 25% of the families have incomes falling below the poverty level. (Appendices A-4 through A-6)

Minorities

Minorities other than African-Americans account for approximately 1% of the population in Alabama. As classified by the 1990 census, there are 16,506 American Indians, Eskimos, and Aleuts, 21,797 Asians and Pacific Islanders, and 5,782 other.

The African-American population in 1990 represented 25.2% of the total Alabama population. With 70% of this population living in urban areas, 46% are concentrated in the state's four largest cities. There are ten primarily rural counties that have African-American populations of over 50%. (Appendices A-7 and A-8)

There are also eight Alabama counties with Native American populations over 500 persons. (Appendix A-9)

Institutionalized

There are approximately 21,500 individuals housed in state-supported mental health/mental retardation, correctional, and youth services institutions. Through LSCA as of 1993, APLS supports library programs in twelve state mental health/mental retardation facilities, nine state correctional facilities, and three state youth services facilities. In addition, through LSCA, APLS has cooperated with local libraries to provide service to inmates of local jails and county detention centers for youthful offenders. Efforts will continue in the next five years to extend service to those as yet unserved and to improve service to meet the needs of all the institutionalized in Alabama.

Elderly

The population of those Alabamians over 65 has reached almost 523,000. There are over 21,000 Alabama residents in homes for the aged. They are not concentrated in specific areas, as the highest percentage of the population over 65 in any county is only 18.3% and the lowest 7.6%. The county with the most individuals in this age group is Jefferson County with 91,472 (14% of the county residents). In 23 counties, those over 65 are in excess of 15% of the population. (Appendices A-10 and A-11).

Limited English-Speaking

In 1979, a consortium project for the "Americanization of the Indo-Chinese" identified seven counties with settlements of Indo-Chinese with limited English-speaking ability. A small German-speaking community was identified in the Dothan area as a result of the same project.

According to the 1990 census, there are 13,362 Alabama residents who either speak English poorly or not at all. The total group is 0.3% of the state's population. Tabulations of language other than English spoken in the homes indicate that of those currently needing help with English, 44% speak Spanish, 21% Asian languages, and the remainder unspecified languages.

A center for foreign language materials was established at the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library in 1985. The Huntsville library makes available foreign language reading lists, bibliographies, and materials to all libraries in Alabama. Through the Huntsville experience the state is attempting to identify the specific information and materials needed by those residents with limited English-speaking ability.

Interlibrary Cooperation and Resource Sharing

The environment for cooperation is well established in Alabama. Of the 190 public libraries, 62 college and university libraries, and the public school libraries in 204 school districts, 108 libraries of all types have contributed approximately 5.7 million holdings records to the CD-ROM Alabama Interlibrary Catalog (ALICAT). At least 49 Alabama libraries are OCLC users, and 51 share automated systems.

The Library Management Network, began with a LSCA Title I grant in 1982 to serve three public libraries and has expanded to 15 member libraries which share automated circulation, cataloging and acquisitions software. The network has recently been upgraded and supports 134 ports. Currently the 15 members include eight public libraries, three junior colleges, one upper division college, and three public school libraries as members.

There are other automated systems functioning in Alabama. For example, the Birmingham Area Library Service serves 25 public libraries as well as three public school libraries in Jefferson and Shelby counties and supports 230 terminals. The other system includes the Montgomery City-County Public Library, six other public libraries and APLS.

In FY1987 the North Alabama Union List of Serials was expanded and became the Alabama Union List of Serials. In the last five years the participation has grown from 62 to 129 contributing libraries and from 5,195 local data records to over 28,000 unique periodical titles with holdings records.

Interlibrary loan in Alabama entered a new era on October 1, 1986. Agreements reached between APLS and the Network of Alabama Academic Libraries (NAAL) provide equitable reimbursement based on net lending to all participating public and academic libraries in Alabama.

Other cooperative projects in Alabama include "The Coalition for the Preservation of Alabama Newspapers" and the "Alabama Union List of Major Microform Collections". Both projects provide holdings lists of major resources in all types of Alabama libraries. A telefacsimile network was established in 1989. As new multitype telefacsimile cooperatives are formed, they are linked to this statewide network.

MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Alabama Public Library Service to insure equal access to public library service for all Alabamians and to raise standards of service in order to increase educational, cultural, and recreational opportunities for all citizens.

ROLES

The Alabama Public Library Service has the following roles:

* Advise librarians, trustees, government officials, community representatives, and others on library services and resources.

* Offer or coordinate access to supplementary collections and services for public libraries.

* Provide direct public service to meet the needs of specified groups such as state employees, state officials, the blind, and persons with qualifying disabilities.

* Manage fiscal, informational and other resources to further library development in an efficient and effective manner and in accordance with Standards for Library Functions at the State Level.

* Plan for and implement improvements in library service statewide, including providing a program of continuing education for library staffs and trustees.

* Encourage and promote cooperative efforts among libraries of all types.

* Encourage professional growth and development of library staffs and trustees.

GOAL I: PROVIDE INFORMATION RESOURCES

Support public libraries in providing information resources to meet the educational, cultural, and recreational needs of the people of Alabama utilizing Standards for Public Library Service in Alabama and the Code of Alabama as guidelines for minimal levels of public library service.

Objective 1.1

Support establishment and development of public library service to citizens in areas without local tax-supported library service; this service will meet or exceed the priority standards specified in Standards for Public Library Service in Alabama.

Task 1.1 Support, through allocation of LSCA funds as described in Federal Public Library Programs in Alabama, subgrant projects that provide public library service to areas without service. (1994 ongoing)

Objective 1.2

Support public libraries and systems in meeting the library and informational needs of those individuals presently receiving public library services, and assist libraries in identifying and reaching those individuals who are not presently using library services available to them, utilizing Standards for Public Libraries in Alabama.

Task 1.2.1 Strive to meet a minimum of 95 percent of requests to consult with public library staffs and trustees in all areas of library administration and services including evaluation of resources and services according to the Standards for Public Libraries in Alabama. (1994 ongoing)

Task 1.2.2 Visit every public library and library system at least once every three years. (1994 ongoing)

Task 1.2.3 Develop a children's summer reading program that provides guidance and support materials for all public libraries and systems in the state annually. (1994 ongoing)

Task 1.2.4 Fund, through allocation of LSCA funds as described in Federal Public Library Programs in Alabama, subgrant projects that support improvement of inadequate public library services, that support provision of public library services to the disadvantaged, the elderly (including developing intergenerational library programs), the illiterate (including model library literacy centers), and those with limited English-speaking ability, that support drug abuse education, that provide community information and referral centers, and that strengthen metropolitan public libraries. (1994 ongoing)

Task 1.2.5 Develop a new Alabama public library services needs assessment based on 1990 census data. (1994)

Task 1.2.6 Reimburse Alabama public libraries for net loans to other Alabama public libraries and APLS. (1994 ongoing)

Objective 1.3

Support the establishment and development of electronically based information systems that provide public access to necessary technology equipment and encourage experimentation with new technologies.

Task 1.3.1 Support, through allocation of LSCA funds as described in Federal Public Library Programs in Alabama, subgrant projects in the area of technology enhancement. (1994 ongoing)

Task 1.3.2 Implement further expansion of the telefacsimile network as needed to support resource sharing. (1994 ongoing)

Task 1.3.3 Evaluate and supplement resource sharing through automated networking. (1994 ongoing)

Task 1.3.4 Expand public library access to, and use of technologically based information networks. (1994 ongoing)

Task 1.3.5 Train library staffs to increase their knowledge and improve their skills in the use of new technology. (1994 ongoing)

Objective 1.4

In cooperation with the Alabama Departments of Corrections, Mental Health, and Youth Services, support establishment and development of library service to persons who are confined to the following state institutions: prisons, mental health institutions, and institutions for young offenders.

Task 1.4.1 Support, through allocation of LSCA funds as described in Federal Public Library Programs in Alabama, subgrant projects that improve inadequate public library and information services to the institutionalized. (1994 ongoing)

Task 1.4.2 Consult at least two times per year with each subgrantee. (1994 ongoing)

Objective 1.5

Support development of public library service to persons with disabilities as provided by the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind.

Task 1.5.1 Support, through allocation of LSCA funds as described in Federal Public Library Programs in Alabama, at least one subgrant project to improve inadequate public library and information services to persons with disabilities who are served by the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind. (1994 ongoing)

Task 1.5.2 Consult at least two times per year with the AIDB subgrant administrator. (1994 ongoing)

Objective 1.6

Provide, from the APLS Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, personalized and efficient library service for the blind, visually impaired, deaf and non-speaking persons, and other persons with qualifying disabilities in the State of Alabama in the formats best suited to their needs.

Task 1.6.1 Conduct a statewide survey of users of the Regional Library concerning the quality of service, including machine lending, circulation of titles, and basic reference needs. (1995-1997)

Task 1.6.2 Increase statewide awareness of the resources available at the Regional Library through a minimum of four publications per year of WhAT'S LINE. (1994 ongoing)

Task 1.6.3 Participate in a minimum of two interagency cooperative programs per year with such agencies as non-profit organizations, government agencies, health care institutions, and providers of service for visually and physically disabled persons. (1994 ongoing)

Task 1.6.4 Encourage participation of public libraries in deposit collections to strengthen local involvement and to help meet minimum A.D.A. requirements. (1994 ongoing)

Task 1.6.5 Coordinate planning of consumer advisory committee to discuss library and related topics through meetings held three times a year. (1994 ongoing)

Task 1.6.6 Coordinate planning of library service and inservice training for the five subregional libraries through twice a year meetings. (1994 ongoing)

Task 1.6.7 Involve staff members in at least one outreach program each year. (1994 ongoing)

Task 1.6.8 Support, through allocation of LSCA funds as described in Federal Public Library Programs in Alabama, at least one subgrant project to improve inadequate public library and information services to persons with qualifying disabilities served by the Alabama Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. (1994 ongoing)

Objective 1.7

Develop and offer programs and professional training assistance grants to further the professional growth of public librarians, trustees, state library personnel and library school students to assure increasingly efficient and effective library services.

Task 1.7.1 Provide a minimum of three continuing education opportunities for library directors, staff, trustees and agency personnel through such occasions as quarterly administrators' meetings, book review sessions and specially scheduled events. (1994 ongoing)

Task 1.7.2 Administer the annual long-term, out-of-service, professional training grants programs for full-time and part-time students pursuing a graduate degree in library science from a school whose program is accredited by the American Library Association. (1994 ongoing)

Task 1.7.3 Provide a minimum of two library continuing education programs in cooperation with the Alabama Library Association and other professional organizations and related agencies. (1994 ongoing)

Task 1.7.4 Administer continuing education grants for library trustees and staff. (1994 ongoing)

Task 1.7.5 Continue to develop APLS' collection of professional training materials and promote their use. (1994 ongoing)

Task 1.7.6 Work with other interested groups to implement a statewide plan for continuing education. (1994 ongoing)

Objective 1.8

Facilitate timely exchange of information between the state library agency and the state's librarians and trustees.

Task 1.8.1 Produce a minimum of two issues of Cottonboll each year. (1994 ongoing)

Task 1.8.2 Publish and disseminate the annual statistical report and library directory. (1994 ongoing)

Task 1.8.3 Publish and disseminate APLSauce biweekly to communicate information. (1994 ongoing)

Objective 1.9

Provide for the best possible use of state and federal funds toward the improvement and expansion of library services and resources available to people of Alabama.

Task 1.9.1 Distribute and monitor use of federal funds through subgrants to eligible libraries within the guidelines of the Library Services and Construction Act, in accordance with the state priorities for public library development as stated in the Federal Public Library Program in Alabama. (1994 ongoing)

Task 1.9.2 Distribute state aid funds in accordance with the Rules and Regulations for Supplemental State Aid to Public Libraries and Public Library Systems. (1994 ongoing)

Task 1.9.3 Fund the work of the State Advisory Council on Libraries and its subcommittees. (1994 ongoing)

Task 1.9.4 Work in cooperation with other agencies and organizations to secure additional funds from the State Legislature for state aid to public libraries. (1994 ongoing)

TASK 1.9.5 Review and revise policies, priorities and regulations for state and federal funds annually. (1994 ongoing)

Objective 1.10

Supplement and reinforce public library resources and services in Alabama through the collections and services of the Alabama Public Library Service.

Task 1.10.1 Support, through allocation of LSCA funds as described in Federal Public Library Programs in Alabama, programs that strengthen the state library agency. (1994 ongoing)

Task 1.10.2 Provide materials of sufficient scope and depth to fill at least 90% of the reference questions received from public libraries, other types of libraries, and state government officials and employees. (1994 ongoing)

Task 1.10.3 Provide materials in print and non-print formats to maintain current depth and breadth in Alabamiana, the humanities, library and information studies, public administration, social sciences, and government documents in support of the library and information activities throughout the state. At least 75% of the requests received will be filled with materials in the APLS collection. (1994 ongoing)

Task 1.10.4 Provide access services such as interlibrary loan to supplement the immediate capabilities of libraries in Alabama through APLS membership in SOLINET and utilization of OCLC, and through database searching on at least one additional bibliographic retrieval system. (1994 ongoing)

Task 1.10.5 Increase statewide awareness of the resources available at APLS through publication of at least one subject bibliography, a video catalog or supplementary lists, as well as through articles in other agency publications, each year. (1994 ongoing)

Task 1.10.6 Evaluate the purposes of and uses for the APLS materials collection. (1994 ongoing)

Objective 1.11

Strengthen major urban resource libraries to enable these libraries to better serve the individual users and other libraries in the areas where they are located.

Task 1.11.1 Support, through allocation of LSCA funds as described in Federal Public Library Programs in Alabama, programs that strengthen major urban resource libraries. (1994 ongoing)

Task 1.11.2 Monitor and evaluate use of federal funds to the four identified major urban resource libraries in Alabama. (1994 ongoing)

GOAL II: PROVIDE FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION OR RENOVATION

Promote the development of adequate public library facilities through new construction or renovation of existing facilities.

Objective 2.1

Support, through allocation of LSCA funds as described in Federal Public Library Programs in Alabama, library construction programs. (1994 ongoing)

Objective 2.2

Review and revise policies, priorities and regulations for state and federal funds for library construction annually. (1994 ongoing)

Objective 2.3

Administer, distribute, monitor and evaluate the use of state and federal funds made available for library construction. (1994 ongoing)

Objective 2.4

Support subgrants of major capital outlay for technology enhancement. (1994 ongoing)

GOAL III: SUPPORT RESOURCE SHARING

Support public libraries in resource sharing to provide improved information and services.

Objective 3.1

Support, through allocation of LSCA funds as described in Federal Public Library Programs in Alabama, projects for resource sharing among all types of libraries. (1994 ongoing)

Objective 3.2

Promote and participate in state-wide resource sharing utilizing appropriate technology.

Task 3.2.1 Increase access to and use of machine readable bibliographic databases for resource sharing through the administration of database development grants for retrospective conversion and/or current cataloging. (1994 ongoing)

Task 3.2.2 Expand compatible automated circulation systems by providing consultation and support, through LSCA funding, for additional public libraries. (1994 ongoing)

Task 3.2.3 Administer, produce and distribute the Alabama Union List of Serials (AULS). (1994 ongoing)

Task 3.2.4 Administer, produce and distribute the Alabama Interlibrary Catalog (ALICAT) in CD-ROM. (1994 ongoing)

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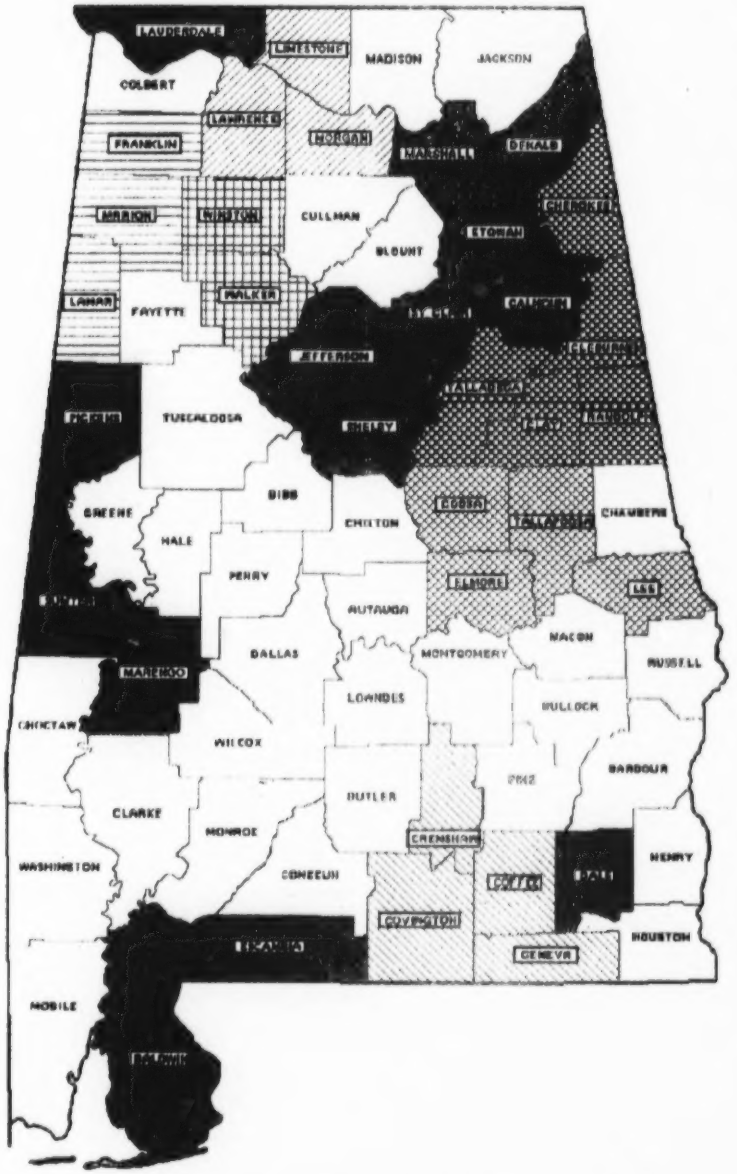

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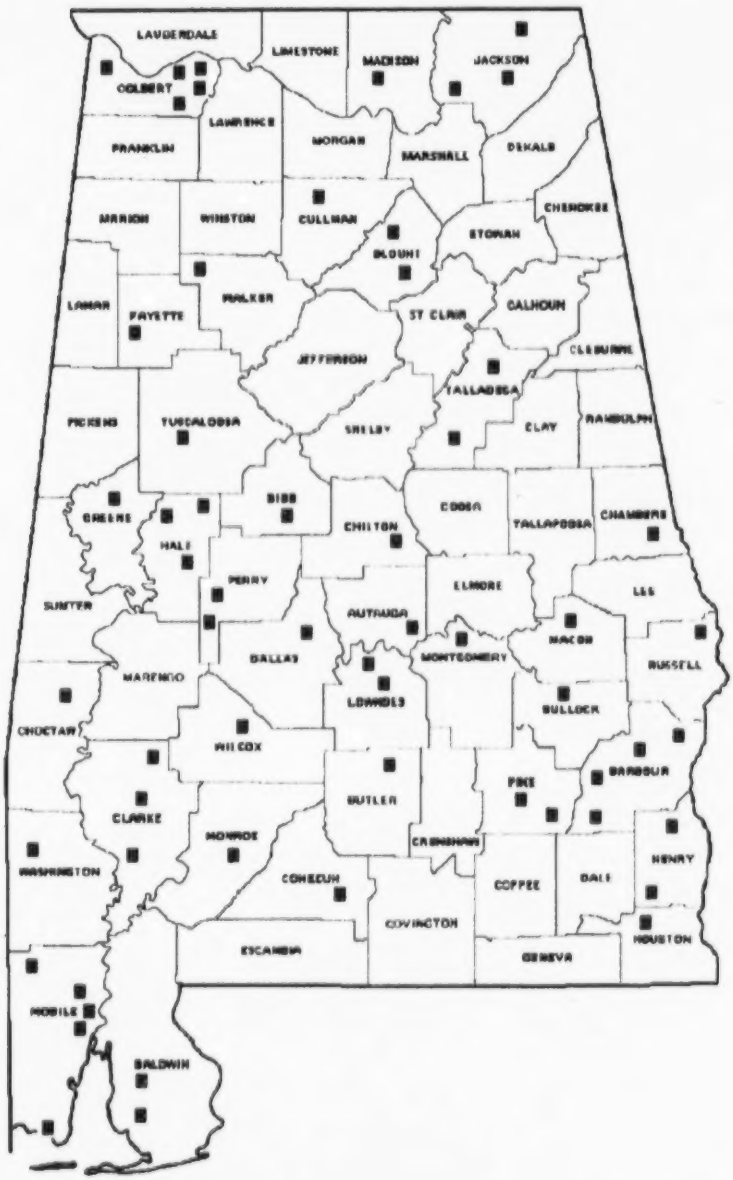

Independent Libraries

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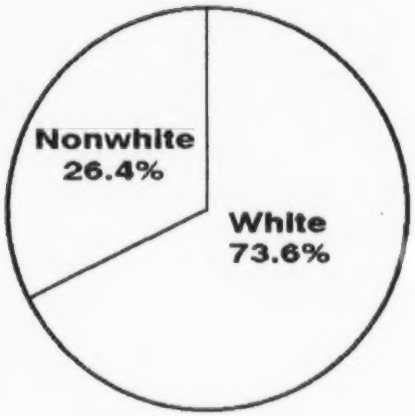
Population By Selected Characteristics
Alabama 1990



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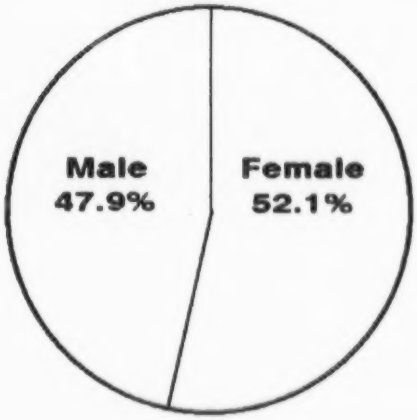

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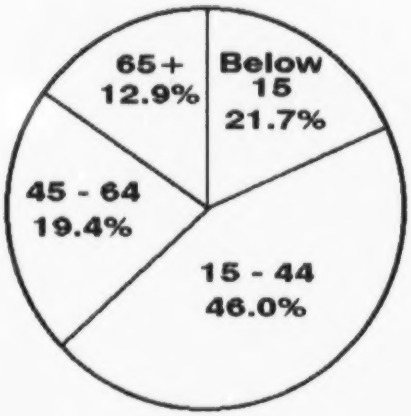

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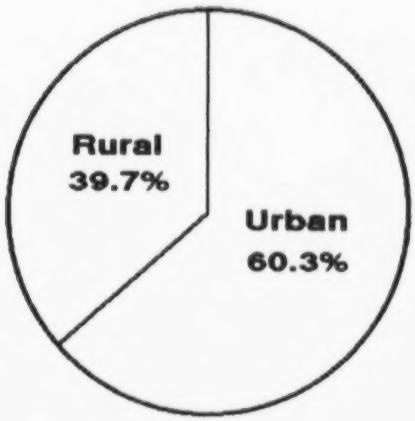

RESIDENCE

DISADVANTAGED POPULATION IN ALABAMA

Persons with income below poverty level:

Total:	723,614
White:	342,388
Non-White:	381,226

Persons with income below 125% of poverty level:

943,351

Families in poverty:

158,369

Households receiving public assistance:

130,616

Unemployed persons 16 years and older seeking employment.

Total:	128,587
Males:	61,106
Females:	67,481

Source: U. S. Bureau of the Census. 1990 Census of Population and Housing. Summary Population and Housing Characteristics. Alabama.

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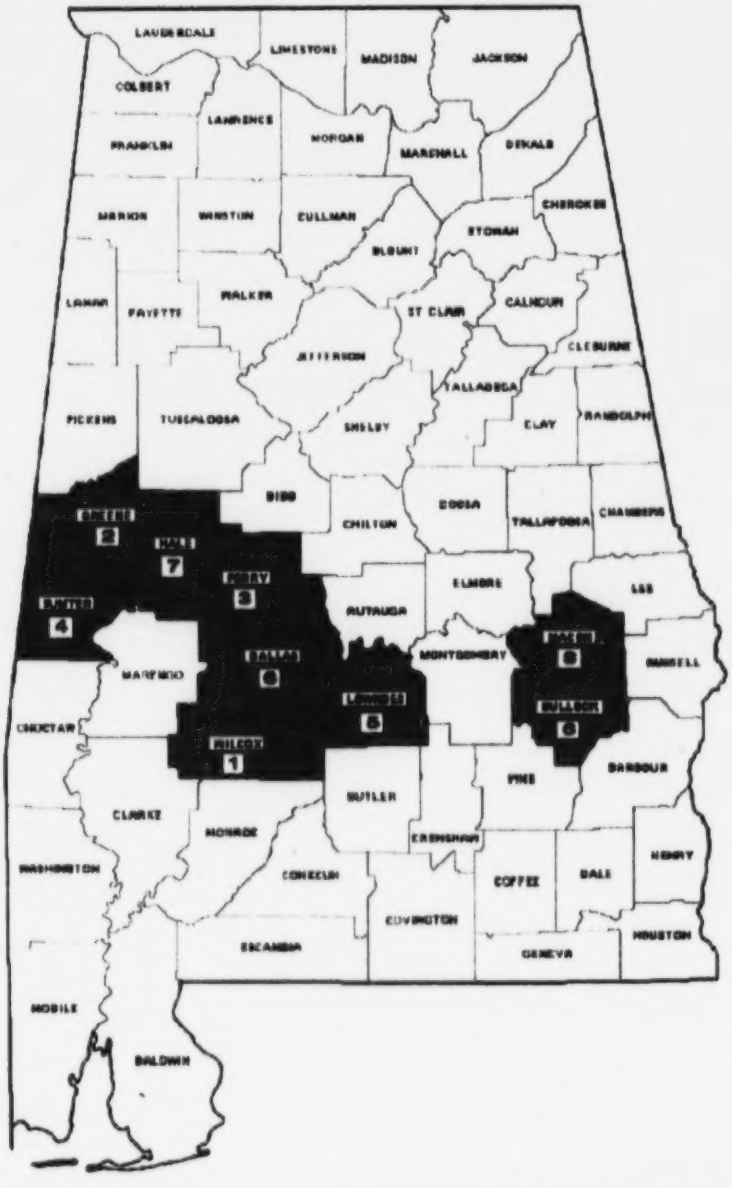

Counties Where More Than 25% Of Families Have Income Below Poverty Level

Numbers Indicate Ranking

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COUNTIES WITH POPULATION AND PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES IN 1989 WITH INCOME BELOW POVERTY LEVEL

COUNTY	POPULATION	PERCENTAGE
Autauga	1,151	12.0
Baldwin	2,950	10.4
Barbour	1,348	20.0
Bibb	783	17.3
Blount	1,329	11.4
Bullock	849	31.4
Butler	1,438	24.6
Calhoun	3,712	11.7
Chambers	1,394	13.4
Cherokee	833	14.2
Chilton	1,225	13.1
Choctaw	1,045	23.8
Clarke	1,414	19.5
Clay	525	14.0
Cleburne	431	11.4
Coffee	1,374	11.7
Colbert	1,688	11.1
Conecuh	893	22.8
Coosa	478	15.3
Covington	1,738	16.5
Crenshaw	772	19.9
Cullman	2,410	12.1
Dale	1,454	10.9
Dallas	3,920	31.4
DeKalb	2,306	14.2
Elmore	1,448	11.1
Escambia	2,098	21.9
Etowah	3,783	13.2
Fayette	796	15.4
Franklin	1,397	17.2
Geneva	1,080	15.6
Greene	985	39.2
Hale	1,155	28.7
Henry	566	13.1
Houston	2,938	12.8
Jackson	1,783	12.6
Jefferson	22,523	12.7
Lamar	650	14.4
Lauderdale	2,593	11.3
Lawrence	1,511	16.5
Lee	2,651	13.2
Limestone	1,726	11.2
Lowndes	1,009	31.7
Macon	1,595	28.1
Madison	5,578	8.4
Marengo	1,490	24.3
Marion	1,355	15.6
Marshall	3,048	14.5
Mobile	17,868	17.5
Monroe	1,127	18.0
Montgomery	7,615	14.1
Morgan	2,687	9.4
Perry	1,141	36.8
Pickens	1,349	23.3
Pike	1,420	20.6
Randolph	832	14.6
Russell	2,158	16.8
St. Clair	1,704	12.1
Shelby	1,981	7.1
Sumter	1,302	32.9
Talladega	3,331	16.3
Tallapoosa	1,441	13.1
Tuscaloosa	5,087	13.5
Walker	2,806	14.2
Washington	980	21.4
Wilcox	1,293	39.3
Winston	1,029	15.7

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census. 1990 Census of Population and Housing. Summary Social Economic and Housing Characteristics. Alabama.

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Counties Where More Than 50% of the Population is African-American

Numbers Indicate Ranking

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COUNTIES WITH POPULATION AND PERCENTAGE OF AFRICAN-AMERICANS

COUNTY	POPULATION	PERCENTAGE
Autauga	6,845	20.0
Baldwin	12,640	12.8
Barbour	11,194	44.0
Bibb	3,478	20.9
Blount	521	1.3
Bullock	7,986	72.3
Butler	8,798	40.1
Calhoun	21,578	18.5
Chambers	13,221	35.8
Cherokee	1,291	6.6
Chilton	3,674	11.3
Choctaw	7,077	44.1
Clarke	11,625	41.3
Clay	2,166	16.3
Cleburne	587	4.6
Coffee	6,917	17.1
Colbert	8,568	16.5
Conecuh	5,925	42.1
Coosa	3,782	34.1
Covington	4,777	13
Crenshaw	3,544	25.9
Cullman	560	.8
Dale	8,847	17.8
Dallas	27,825	57.8
DeKalb	1,028	1.8
Elmore	11,039	22.4
Escambia	10,046	28.2
Etowah	13,799	13.8
Fayette	2,190	12.1
Franklin	1,249	4.4
Geneva	2,824	11.9
Greene	8,181	80.5
Hale	9,214	59.4
Henry	5,395	35
Houston	18,954	23.3
Jackson	1,968	4.1
Jefferson	228,521	35
Lamar	1,862	11.8
Lauderdale	7,695	9.6
Lawrence	4,798	15.2
Lee	20,407	23.4
Limestone	7,127	13.1
Lowndes	9,456	74.7
Macon	21,340	85.6
Madison	48,116	20.1
Marengo	11,745	50.8
Marion	967	3.2
Marshall	1,087	1.5
Mobile	117,872	31.1
Monroe	9,372	39.1
Montgomery	87,312	41.7
Morgan	10,081	10.0
Perry	8,219	64.4
Pickens	8,645	41.7
Pike	9,548	34.6
Randolph	4,686	23.5
Russell	16,088	38.6
St. Clair	4,561	9.1
Shelby	7,718	7.7
Sumter	11,369	70.2
Talladega	22,773	30.7
Tallapoosa	10,212	26.3
Tuscaloosa	39,377	26.1
Walker	4,405	6.5
Washington	4,623	27.6
Wilcox	9,353	68.9
Winston	57	.2

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Counties With Native American Population: 500 Persons

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Numbers Indicate Number of Persons Who Are Native Americans

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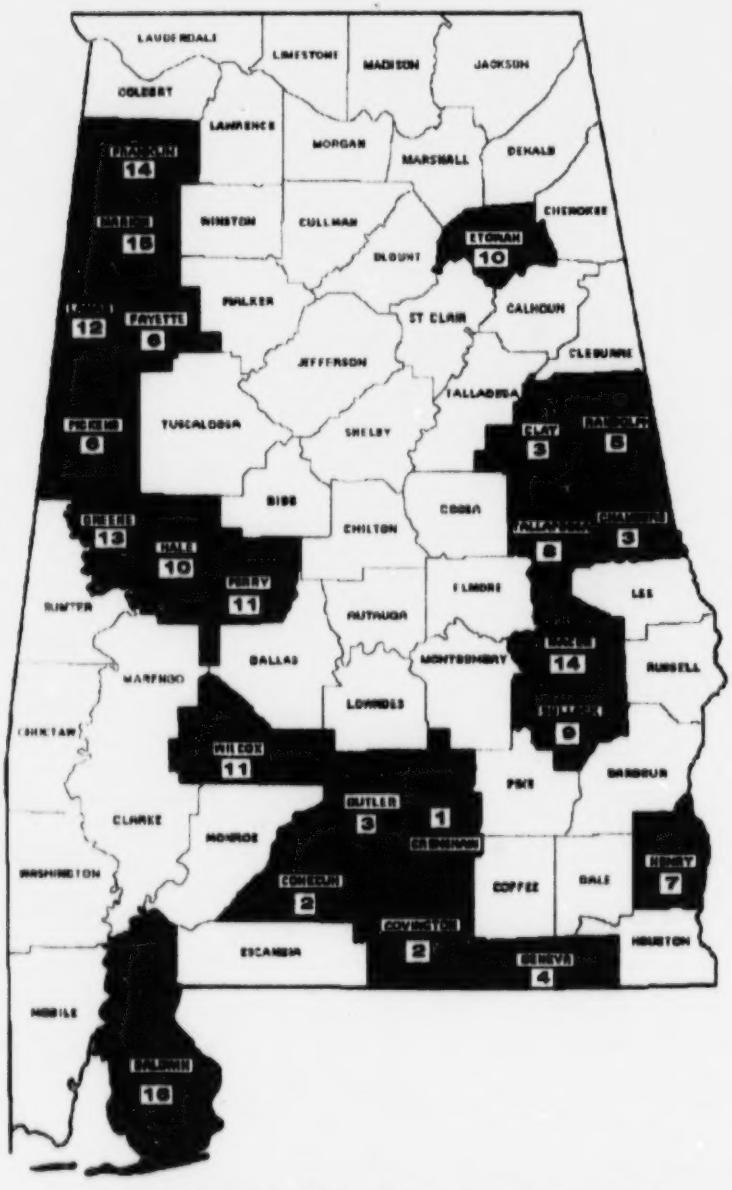

Counties With More Than 15% Of The Population Over Age 65

Numbers Indicate Ranking

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COUNTIES WITH POPULATION AND PERCENTAGE OF PERSONS 65 AND OVER

COUNTY	POPULATION	PERCENTAGE
Autauga	3,372	9.8
Baldwin	14,879	15.1
Barbour	3,726	14.6
Bibb	2,101	12.6
Blount	5,116	13
Bullock	1,773	16
Butler	3,680	16.8
Calhoun	14,377	12.3
Chambers	6,219	16.8
Cherokee	2,890	14.7
Chilton	4,505	13.8
Choctaw	2,219	13.8
Clarke	3,577	13.1
Clay	2,232	16.8
Cleburne	1,705	13.3
Coffee	5,310	13.1
Colbert	7,588	14.6
Conecuh	2,430	17.2
Coosa	1,602	14.4
Covington	6,301	17.2
Crenshaw	2,496	18.3
Cullman	9,774	14.4
Dale	4,659	9.3
Dallas	6,613	13.7
DeKalb	8,008	14.6
Elmore	5,742	11.6
Escambia	4,930	13.8
Etowah	15,876	15.9
Fayette	2,930	16.3
Franklin	4,303	15.4
Geneva	3,964	16.7
Greene	1,590	15.6
Hale	2,471	15.9
Henry	2,500	16.2
Houston	10,128	12.4
Jackson	6,000	12.5
Jefferson	91,472	14
Lamar	2,470	15.7
Lauderdale	11,374	14.2
Lawrence	3,737	11.8
Lee	7,451	8.5
Limestone	6,121	11.3
Lowndes	1,605	12.6
Macon	3,827	15.3
Madison	21,390	8.9
Marengo	3,370	14.5
Marion	4,538	15.2
Marshall	19,951	14
Mobile	44,655	11.7
Monroe	3,149	13.1
Montgomery	24,274	11.6
Morgan	11,698	11.6
Perry	2,022	15.8
Pickens	3,394	16.3
Pike	4,032	14.6
Randolph	3,291	16.5
Russell	5,941	12.6
St. Clair	5,798	11.5
Shelby	7,565	7.6
Sumter	2,354	14.5
Talladega	9,582	12.9
Tallapoosa	6,253	16.1
Tuscaloosa	17,079	11.3
Walker	9,746	14.4
Washington	2,010	12
Wilcox	2,146	15.8
Winston	3,108	14

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GLOSSARY

ALICAT
The Alabama Interlibrary Catalog is a union catalog, on CD-ROM, containing approximately 2.7 million titles and 5.7 million holdings of materials owned by libraries in Alabama. The catalog identifies libraries owning specific titles.

ALIN
The Alabama Library Information Network is a statewide cooperative network of libraries voluntarily working together to provide services and resources needed to satisfy the library and information needs of Alabama's residents.

APLS
The Alabama Public Library Service is the state library agency of Alabama, charged with developing a cooperative system of providing books and library services for Alabamians. APLS provides statewide resource center services and coordinates ALIN and net-lending programs for the public libraries.

AULS
The Alabama Union List of Serials is a catalog, published in microfiche and paper formats, that includes about 28,000 periodical titles with designations of which libraries own which issues. The database is maintained on OCLC and may be searched online for the most accurate, up-to-date information.

FAX
Shortened form of the word telefacsimile, used as a noun or verb. It is the process of or the equipment for transmitting images electronically over telephone lines.

ILL
Interlibrary loan transactions consist of borrowing and lending of materials between libraries.

LSCA
Library Services and Construction Act funds are federal funds administered in Alabama by APLS. Among the projects funded with these funds are ALICAT, AULS, and net lending reimbursement.

NAAL
The Network of Alabama Academic Libraries coordinates academic library resource sharing among 19 colleges and universities offering graduate education.

OCLC
The Online Computer Library Center (OCLC, Inc.) is an online computer bibliographic network that allows communication via computer lines for processing interlibrary loans between libraries throughout the United States.

RILL
The Reference and Interlibrary Loan (RILL) personnel grants, funded under the Library Services and Construction Act, staff six regional public library headquarters with professional reference librarians. These six regional headquarters are RILL Service Centers for ALIN.

SOLINET
The Southeastern Library Network is the broker in the Southeast for OCLC services. Sometimes SOLINET is used interchangeably with OCLC within this region when describing the OCLC network or its services.